

Sparkman High School
Choral Department

August 19, 2013

Dear Parents/Students:

Each year, the Alabama Vocal Association hosts the Alabama All-State Chorus Festival, three high school choirs comprised of the top choral students from around the state. Students chosen to sing in an All-State choir are members of a highly prestigious group. However, ability is only part of the selection process; this honor is achieved primarily by hard work and time spent learning the selected music.

This year's audition will be held at Central Baptist Church in Decatur. Interested students who have adequately prepared their music will audition October 31 OR November 1, 2013 (not both), for a position in one of three choirs, SSA, SATB, or TTBB. Students will sing selections chosen from the festival music. Selected students *will be required* to attend the festival April 3-5, 2014, at Samford University in Birmingham, for which there will be an additional expense for food and lodging (approximately \$125, more or less, depending on the number of students selected).

Your cost to audition is \$12 (your Choral Boosters fee covers the remaining cost) which includes the audition fee, festival music, and a rehearsal CD. Depending on how many students choose to audition, we will either use a bus for transportation or ask parents to assist with carpooling.

Interested students **MUST** attend the after-school information meeting on Wednesday, August 28, 3:15-4:00 pm, to receive music and additional information and listen to recordings of the pieces. Students will also be required to attend an audition screening on Wednesday, October 16, 3:15-4:00 pm, to ensure they are adequately prepared for the audition.

There will be three after-school opportunities for students to receive additional help with music on September 11 and 25, and October 2. Students are also encouraged to attend the UAH All-State Blitz! in which students will receive music and language help. There is small charge of \$5 for this event, and you will need to bring \$9 for lunch on campus (additional information may be found at <http://www.uah.edu/la/departments/music/152-main/liberal-arts/music/news/3448-uahuntsville-all-state-music-blitz>).

Please return the form below with a check (or cash) for \$12 by Friday, September 6, 2013.

Due to the time-sensitive nature of the registration, I will not be able to accept any money or forms past this date. Please follow the payment guidelines for cash and checks as described in the Syllabus and Choir Handbook. Please feel free to email with any questions.

Sincerely,

Mary Beth Taylor

Choir Director

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All-State Audition Permission/Selection Form

PLEASE PRINT: Forms and fees must be turned in by **Friday, September 6, 2013.**

My child, _____, has permission to participate in the All-State choir auditions on October 31 OR November 1, 2013. I understand that if my child is deemed by the Choir Director not to be adequately prepared for this audition, he/she will not be allowed to participate. I have enclosed payment for **\$12**, and I understand that all fees are non-refundable regardless of participation or selection for a choir.

Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____

If needed, I am willing to help with transportation/supervision. yes no

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date